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Following letter from President should be copied to Prime Minister
Baldwin, preferably as soon as possible, meeting with him.

第十一章 故事与寓言

"It gives me great personal pleasure to extend congratulations on your assume your responsibilities as Vice Minister of Inspec.. You have our friendship and best wishes in your new tasks. It is on one of these that I am writing you at this time.

"You are aware, I am sure, of the exchange which I had with Prime Minister Ben-Gurion concerning American visits to Israel's nuclear facility at Dimona. Most recently, the Prime Minister wrote to me on May 27. His words reflected a most laudable personal consideration of a problem that I know is not easy for your Government, as it is not for ours. He referred to the former Prime Minister's strong reaffirmation that Dimon will be devoted exclusively to peaceful purposes and the reaffirmation also of Israel's willingness to permit periodic visits to Dimon.

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"I regret having to add to your burdens so soon after your assumption of office, but I feel the crucial importance of this problem necessitates my talking up with you at this early date certain further considerations, arising out of Mr. Ben-Gurion's May 27 letter, as to the nature and scheduling of such visits.

"I am sure you will agree that these visits should be as nearly as possible in accord with international standards, thereby resolving all doubts as to the peaceful intent of the Dimona project./ [REDACTED] Government's commitment to and support of Israel would be seriously jeopardized if it should be thought that we were unable to obtain reliable information on a subject as vital to peace as the question of Israel's effort in the nuclear field.

"Therefore, I asked our scientists to review the alternative schedules of visits to and you had proposed. If Israel's purposes are to be other [REDACTED] beyond reasonable doubt, I believe that the schedule which would best serve our common purposes would be a visit early this summer, another visit in June 1957, and thereafter at intervals of six months. I am sure that such a schedule should not cause you any more difficulty than that which Mr. Ben-Gurion proposed in his May 27 letter. It would be essential, and I understand that Mr. Ben-Gurion's letter was in accord with this, that our scientists have access to all areas of the Dimona site and to key related parts of the complex, such as fuel fabrication facilities or plutonium separation plants, and that sufficient time be allotted for a thorough examination.

"Having that you fully appreciate the truly vital significance of this matter to the future well-being of Israel, to the United States, and internationally, I am con-

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our carefully considered request will have your most sympathetic attention.

"Enclosed,

"John F. Kennedy"

In conveying foregoing, you should observe that administrative consideration by the most competent USG authorities has established scheduling indicated in President's letter as witness to achieve a purpose to us as vital to Israel and to our mutual interests. Scientific reasons for this are that: (a) only a visit before criticality can fully establish features of a reactor--this is reason for requested early summer visit which we hope could be this month or next at latest; (b) it is widely known and accepted by knowledgeable international scientific community that, if intended for ultimate production of weapons grade plutonium, a reactor of this size would be operated to burn a single fuel load approximately every six months, whereas for peaceful purposes optimum burning time would be about two years--this is when makes it essential that after mid-1964 visits be scheduled semi-annually.

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